(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise alongwith the estimated cost involved therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to expand and modernise some of the Radio Stations in the above State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated cost thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) A Local Radio Station with 1 KW MW Transmitter, multi-purpose Studio and staff quarters at an estimated capital cost of Rs. 285 lakhs is proposed to be set up at Manjeri (Mallapuram) during the current year

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The existing 1 KW MW transmitter at Trivandrum is proposed to be replaced by 2x5 KW FM transmitter and the existing 100 KW MW transmitter at Alleppey is proposed to be upgraded to 2x100 KW MW transmitter at an estimated capital cost of Rs. 294.13 lakhs and Rs. 524.98 lakhs, respectively.

[Translation]

Labourers in Private Sector

301 SHRI NITISH KUMAR
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that more than 75% of the labour class in the country earn their livelihood from private sector,

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have decided to introduce education, health and job guarantee schemes for these labourers in order to increase their efficiency, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure likely to be incurred on these schemes during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) According to the statistics compiled by the Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE & T) 79.30 lakh persons were employed in the organised private sector as against a total of 273.75 lakh persons in the organised sector as on 31.3.94

(c) and (d) A number of labour laws have been enacted for the protection and welfare of different categories of workers in both organised and unorganised sector. Welfare and social security measures are being taken by the employers for the welfare of their labourers in accordance with the provisions of various labour laws.

[English]

Vocational Courses in Maharashtra

302. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the 30 vocational courses started in Maharashtra under the Centrally sponsored vocational courses at + 2 level have not been brought under the purview of the Apprentices Act, 1961;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra have approached the Union Government for inclusion of the remaining vocational courses under the purview of said Act, 1961, and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Out of 30 vocational courses started in Maharashtra under the Centrally sponsored vocational courses at + 2 level 23 courses have already been covered under the Apprentices Act, 1961. 7 vocational courses namely Electronics Technology, Mechanical Technology Auto-Engg. Technician, Repair, Maintenance & Rewinding of Electrical Motors, Horticulture, Bakery & Confectionary and Cookery have not yet been covered under the Apprentices Act, 1961

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) As the remaining 7 vocational courses are already available for trade apprentices under the Apprentices Act, 1961, under one or other description, in order to avoid duplication it was not found feasible to cover them under the Apprentices Act, 1961.

[Translation]

T.V. Transmitter, Madhya Pradesh

303 DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY
DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up High Power Transmitters, Low Power Transmitters and TV extension studios in Madhya Pradesh during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) 10 LPTs and 6 VLPTs, as per the details given in the enclosed

statement, are presently under implementation in Madhya Pradesh. In addition to these transmitters, T.V Studios (PGF) at Indore, Jagdalpur and Gwalior are also under implementation. Completion of the projects would, however, depend upon the availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities.

STATEMENT

T.V. Transmitter Projects Presently under Implementation in Madhya Pradesh

LPTs :
Gaderwara
Bada Malehra
Kelaras
Sakti
Naryanpur
Garot
Sarangarh
Bhanpura
Sitmau
Pipria
VLPTs :
Singrauli
Koylibeda
Pendra Road
Diamond-Mining project
Modakpal
Bijapur

Mines Safety

304 SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether action has been taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Sub-Committee set up by the Consultative Committee of his Ministry to go into satety aspects of mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Sub-Committee of the Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Labour submitted its report to the Government on 18.4.96 While examination of the recommendations mede in the Report has commenced, the recommendations made in the Report require consultation with different Ministries/ Departments of the Government As such it is too early to arrive at any final decision on any of the recommendations contained in the Report

[English]

Leasing of Satellite Facilities

305. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have leased out satellite owned by India to individuals or firms in time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of leasing out satellite owned by foreign countries to individuals or;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government have given satellite uplink of any individuals or firms to anywhere in India in time; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). No, Sir Government Policy does not permit leasing out transponders on INSAT series of satellite to individuals or firms.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government has no control in this regard

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

E.S.I. Hospitals in Orissa

306. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ESI Hospitals/dispensaries set up in Orissa so far alongwith their locations;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more ESI hospitals/dispensaries in the State during 1996-97; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) : (a) A *statement* is attached

(b) and (c). Two hospitals with 50 beds each which are already under construction at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela are likely to be commissioned during 1996-97. Under the phased programme of the ESIC three ESI dispensaries, one each at Puri, Kuarmunda and Laxmi Nagar are also likely to be set up.